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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN PRESIDING

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Good afternoon and welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. Members, would you please record your presence. Roll call.

CLERK: I have a quorum present, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Items for the record?

CLERK: Mr. President, just one. Senator Wehrbein would like to print an amendment to LB 536. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal page 2234.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We resume debate on LB 657. Mr. Clerk, next item?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Vrtiska would move to amend, AM2168. (Legislative Journal page 2234.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Vrtiska, you're recognized to open on that amendment.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I filed this amendment this morning just to kind of do a little discussion. You know, when I go out to trade cars or something like that, I usually like to dicker a little so I guess you could call this my dickering bill for want of a better word. The bill calls for \$1 million and \$1.5 million to the two metropolitan areas that are being assisted with this piece of legislation. What I'm suggesting is that we kind of compromise here a little and give \$1 million to the city of Omaha and \$500,000 to the city of Lincoln which would be basically or excuse me, yeah, which